



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 866

LCO No. 3032



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEASING OF LIGHTHOUSE
BOTTOMLANDS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22a-27w of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The state of Connecticut, acting through the Commissioner of
4 Energy and Environmental Protection, is authorized to grant a lease or
5 other appropriate authorization [over] to allow for the occupancy of
6 submerged lands held in public trust by the state underlying or
7 associated with [the Penfield Reef Lighthouse] lighthouses for the
8 purpose of facilitating the preservation of [said lighthouse. Such lease
9 or other authorization shall constitute a right of occupancy so as to
10 facilitate the preservation of such lighthouse] such lighthouses
11 pursuant to the [federal] National Historic Lighthouse Preservation
12 Act of 2000, 16 USC 470w-7, provided any such lease shall be for
13 [consideration as determined by the Commissioner of Energy and
14 Environmental Protection, for a term of no more than ten years, subject
15 to subsequent renewals,] a term of thirty years with the option to

16 renew and shall contain appropriate conditions to ensure consistency
17 with the goals and policies of section 22a-92 and with other interests of
18 the state, including, but not limited to, reasonable public access
19 whenever such lease is to a nonprofit organization, preservation of
20 historic structures and education of the public regarding such
21 structures. Nothing in this section and no provision in any lease
22 authorized pursuant to this section shall be construed to relieve any
23 lessee from the obligation to obtain any applicable federal, state or
24 local permit for the construction of any new structure or appurtenance
25 on such submerged lands.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22a-27w
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Statement of Purpose:

To authorize the occupancy of submerged lands of the state underlying lighthouses while assuring public access to such lighthouses.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]